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**CONFIRMATION NO. 1971**  
**FORMALITIES LETTER**



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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be made on paper that has a white background (see 37 CFR 1.84 (e)). For example, drawings on graph paper, lined paper, or paper that has a non-white background are not acceptable. See Figure(s) 1-2, 27-29 & 31-33.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$524** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1424** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$524**
  - **\$344** for 4 independent claims over 3.
  - **\$180** for 10 total claims over 20.

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